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In the Claims:

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l. (Twice amended) A <u>composition comprising a monoclonal antibody [specifically bound to a RET antigen on] and a cell selected from the group consisting of a multipotent neuronal progenitor (proNP) cell, a nonneuronal progenitor (NNP) cell and a committed neuronal progenitor (NP) cell, wherein said monoclonal antibody is specifically bound to all of part of the RET protein on said cell.</u>

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2. (Twice Amended) The [monoclonal antibody]composition according to claim 1, wherein said [RET antigen]protein consists essentially of the extracellular domain of RET.

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4. (Twice Amended) A method for the enrichment of neural progenitor cells, said method comprising:

a) combining a mixed population of cells comprising neural-crest derived cells comprising neural progenitor cells with [a reagent]an antibody that specifically binds to [a]all of part of the RET protein [antigen]; and

by selecting for RET positive cells.

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- 5. (Amended) [A]<u>The</u> method according to claim 4 wherein said [reagents are antibodies] <u>antibody</u> is selected from the group consisting of polyclonal antibody, <u>monoclonal antibody</u>, antibody fragments, and single chain antibody.
- 6. (Amended) [A]The method according to claim 5, wherein [at least one of] said [antibodies]antibody is fluorochrome conjugated.
- 7. (Twice Amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein said selecting with said fluorochrome conjugated [antibodies]antibody is by flow cytometry.
- 8. (Twice Amended) A substantially pure population of neural crest derived neural progenitor cells where said cells are [selected from the group consisting of multipotent

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neuronal progenitor (proNP) cells,] nonneuronal progenitor (NNP) cells [and committed neuronal progenitor (NP) cells].

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12. (Amended) [A]The population according to claim 8 wherein said neural progenitor cells are bound to [a reagent]an antibody that specifically binds to RET [antigen]protein.

13. (Amended) [A]The population according to claim 12 wherein said [reagent is a RET] artibody is selected from the group consisting of polyclonal antibody, monoclonal antibody, antibody fragments, and single chain antibody.

14. (Amended) [A] The population according to claim 13 wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

15. (Amended) A method for the enrichment of neural progenitor cells, said method comprising:

a) combining a mixed population of cells comprising neural-crest derived cells comprising neural progenitor cells with a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds to [a]all of part of the RET protein [antigen]; and

b) selecting for RET positive cells.

In the Specification:

Page 24, Table 2, third column from left, delete "38.5%" and insert --36.5%-

Page 30, Table 3, delete the columns and data added by the Amendment filed V July 29, 1998.

Page 30, Table 3, third column from the left, delete "8%??" and insert --6%--!

Page 30, Table 3, rightmost column, delete "NN" and insert --NNP-.

Page 30, Table 3, rightmost column, after "57" insert --%--.

Page 30, Table 3, legend, delete "fibernectin" and insert --fibronectin.

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